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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-4575, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No.2001/43016;

German Patent Application No. 3538017, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

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Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2002-199689, together with an English language Abstract of the same and patent family members U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0195884 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0130221. Applicants note that the Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication is cited on pages 2 and 3 of the specification of the present application;

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 2004/47670, together with U.S. National Stage Application No. 10/525,526 to MOTOHASHI et al., which was filed on February 24, 2005.

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	1	English Language Abstract of JP 2000-004575.
	2	English Language Abstract of DE 3538017.
	3	English Language Abstract of JP 2002-078310.
	4	English Language Abstract of JP 2002-199689.
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